

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2011-221-WS - ORDER NO. 2011-481  
JULY 22, 2011

IN RE: Application of CUC, Inc. for Modification of	)	ORDER APPROVING
Its Tariff for Water Service and Rate	)	MODIFIED TARIFF FOR
Adjustment Request for Customers at	)	WATER SERVICE AND
Callawassie Island and Spring Island in	)	RATE ADJUSTMENT
Beaufort County, South Carolina	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of CUC, Inc. (“CUC” or “Company”) for modification of its tariff for water service and rate adjustment request for customers at Callawassie Island and Spring Island in Beaufort County, South Carolina.

CUC presently serves 1,207 water customers and 691 wastewater customers on Callawassie Island and Spring Island. The utility purchases its water wholesale from Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (“BJWSA”). Presently, the Company’s water and sewer rates are those approved in Docket No. 2005-87-WS, Order No. 2005-535 (September 27, 2005). At the time those rates were approved, CUC’s wholesale cost for water was \$1.64 per thousand gallons. Subsequently, the wholesale rate was increased to \$1.86 per thousand gallons, and on May 12, 2011, BJWSA notified CUC that it was again raising the wholesale price to \$2.06 per thousand gallons, effective July 1, 2011. The wholesale rates in effect as of July 1, 2011, are 25.6% higher than those in effect when Order No. 2005-535 was entered.

CUC has requested that the Commission issue an order allowing the most recent wholesale rate increase of \$0.20 per thousand gallons to be passed through to its customers without requiring the Company to incur the expense of a full-fledged rate case. Such action is authorized under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240(G) where, as here, the proposed modification to rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return.

The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed the utility's request and has no objection to its implementation. The Commission has determined that the request is just and reasonable and consistent with the public interest, inasmuch as it will have minimal impact upon the utility's customers, and will help the utility remain financially viable and able to continue providing adequate service. The requested relief is therefore granted, and the utility will be permitted to pass on the most recent increase in the wholesale water cost to its customers after giving at least thirty (30) days notice of this ruling. This ruling is consistent with the order issued on January 18, 2011 in the application of Kiawah Island Utility, Inc. for similar relief in Docket No. 2001-164-WS.

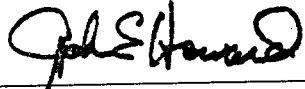
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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

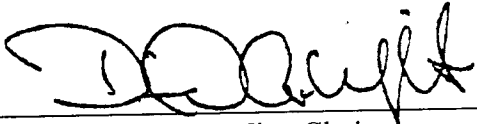
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



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David A. Wright, Vice Chairman  
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